Language and Literacy for 2-4 year olds

Language

Words and how words are combined to form sentences for us to understand and plan what to say.

Speech

How we articulate sounds and combine sounds to say words.

What is Communication?

Communication

How we use language to interact with people.

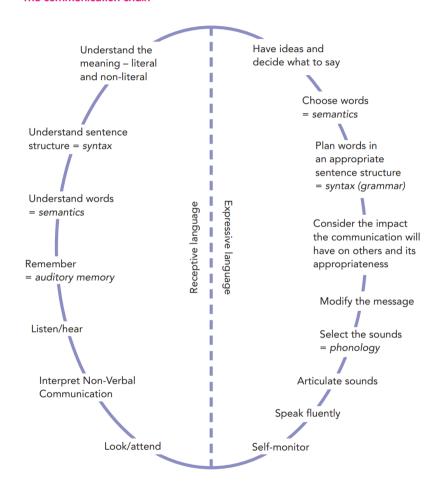
Non-Verbal Communication

The use of gesture, body language, facial expression and situation clues to communicate.

The Communication Chain helps us to understand the processes involved in what we do when we are communicating with someone and the order in which these processes occur.

Start at the bottom left with 'Look/attend' and work clockwise around the chain. The left side of the chain focusses on *understanding spoken language*. The right side of the chain focusses on *using spoken language*.

The communication chain



The processes involved in communication are all interlinked. The diagram shows how the processes are dependent on each other. Therefore, a difficulty in one area is likely to have an impact on other aspects.